

approval of the Council. Before removal, the member of the Board of Elections to be removed shall be given a written copy of the charges against him and shall have a public hearing on **[them]** *said charges* before the **[Mayor and]** Council if he so requests within ten days after receiving the written copy of the charges against him.

5 **[d. Board of Elections—duties.] b. Duties.** The Board of Elections shall be in charge of the registration of voters, nominations *for public office*, and all City elections. The Administrative Officer of the City shall serve as Secretary to the Board. The Board may appoint election clerks to assist it in its duties.

**[5f.] 6b. Registration.** There shall be a registration of qualified persons not registered to vote during normal business hours at City Hall. *Registration may be conducted [and] at other places within the City and at other times as designated by the Board of Elections. [during the first full week of April in every year and] Registration will be conducted in the City Hall on the Friday of the first full week of April of every year from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. If necessary for the performance of registration or the convenience of the citizens of the City, the Mayor may designate additional days as special registration days. Registration shall be permanent, except that the Board of Elections may remove persons from the City registration list as provided in Section 6c. of this Charter. [and no person shall be entitled to vote in City Elections unless he is registered.]*

6c. *Removal.* It shall be the duty of the Board of Elections to keep the City registration list up to date by striking from the lists *any* persons not voting in *at least one of the last three prior consecutive City general elections. The Board of Elections shall notify by mail all persons so removed from the City registration list, and said notice of removal shall set forth a time and a place at which persons so removed may appeal this action to the Board of Elections.* The Council is hereby authorized and directed to adopt **[.]** by ordinance, and **[to enforce]** *the Mayor shall enforce,* any provisions necessary to establish and maintain a system of permanent registration, and to provide for a re-registration when necessary.

**[5g.] 6d. Appeal.** If any person shall feel aggrieved by the action of the Board of Elections in refusing to register *any person*, or in striking off the name of any person *from the registration list*, or by any other action, such person may appeal to the Council. Any decision or action of the Council upon such appeals may be appealed to the Circuit Court for Prince George's County within thirty days of the decision or action of the Council.

6e. *Notice of Registration.* The Board of Elections shall give notice of **[every annual registration period and]** every special registration day by an advertisement published in at least one publication of general circulation within the City once between fourteen and twenty-one days prior to the **[registration period or]** *special registration day.* The Board of Elections shall *also* post notice of **[every election day,]** every *special registration day [., and the annual registration period]* in some public place or public places in the City.

## SECTION **[6.] 7. [CONDUCT OF] ELECTIONS.**

7a. **[Procedure.] Conduct and Procedure.** All elections to fill the office of Mayor and/or Councilman shall be on a non-partisan basis, shall be by *secret* ballot, and shall be held on the first Monday in May of every year. No person shall be allowed to vote in any *City* election **[in said Town]** except those persons whose names shall appear upon the **[register**